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Kelle Ill: a heart that will not be forgotten

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Junior Kelle Ill was known for her “infectious laugh” and “beautiful smile.” Everyone who knew her will remember Ill for her kind, nurturing, and fun spirit, according to Assistant Professor of Nursing Yvette Rose.

At approximately 5:40 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, the Olivet community lost this “fun spirit.” Ill’s car was T-boned by a semi-truck on Illinois Route 394 that failed to stop at a red light, according to the Southtown Star newspaper. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Ill was a Level 1 nursing major from St. John, Ind. She commuted to classes and clinicals each day from her off-campus apartment in Bradley, but that morning Ill was driving to campus from her parents’ house in St. John.

Ill’s friend, former professor and landlord, Howie Van Dyke, will miss her witty personality the most.

“One time, I was telling Kelle about my love for stuffed peppers,” he said. “The next day I came home from work and opened the fridge and there was a whole pan of homemade stuffed peppers with a note that said, ‘Now try the best stuffed peppers in the whole world made with lots of love by Kelle Ill.’ How sweet is that?”

Ill was also known for her hard work and determination. Her friends are quick to talk about her three jobs and sleepless nights just to prove how dedicated she was to her education.

“She wanted very much to be successful and to graduate from



Kelle Ill’s beautiful smile and energetic personality will be greatly missed by her family, friends and peers.

here with a nursing degree. She wanted to go out and help people,” senior Jeannette Kirchner said. “I think to be a nurse, to be in the healthcare field, you have to be a special type of person, and Kelle was. She would have been very successful.”

Friend and peer Sarah Kreinbrook also remembers Ill’s dedication to her friends.

“She was always there no matter what time of day someone needed her,” Kreinbrook said. “If one of us was having a bad day, she would cheer us up. I miss her

huge smile and infectious laugh.”

Ill was always laughing. It did not matter if she was having a bad day or not, her goal was to make everyone else happy first, according to friend and fellow nursing major Renata Guerrero.

Guerrero also remembers Ill’s love for music.

“She used to come into class snapping her fingers and singing some Lady Gaga song then laugh at me because I was not familiar with it,” Guerrero said.

Ill was a dedicated nursing major and therefore had many close

friends in that department. But like any other Olivet student, she made friends through the general education classes as well.

Kirchner met Ill in their Western Civilization class and though the two had differing majors, they connected immediately.

“We did our project together and we always sat by each other. It was an instant friendship,” she said.

The two became close because they were not the average undergraduate students. Both girls lived off campus and both were older than the traditional students.

The two also found a common ground when they discovered in Christian Formation class that they were both Catholic.

“We both have this jaded view of what religion was. I think during Christian Formation we were able to express that, but not be ridiculed for it,” Kirchner said.

Kirchner and Ill did not see each other off campus, but they communicated freely. They exchanged phone numbers and talked frequently.

“She would call me and just be like, ‘I need to vent.’ It was an open door policy with her,” Kirchner said.

Kirchner understands that God has a reason for everything, but she also wonders why.

“God has a funny way of keeping us on our toes,” she said.

Kirchner will remember Ill as an amazing friend but will miss her dearly.

“If people on campus didn’t know her, they missed out. She would have been the most loyal friend ever. No matter how close you were to her,” she said.

Beyond Olivet

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International

Danger gone from Mount Merapi

INDONESIA – The Mount Merapi volcano in Indonesia has, “passed its dangerous phase,” according to CNN on Nov. 11. The volcano’s eruption started on Oct. 26 and has killed 191 people.

Merapi released about 140 million cubic meters of magma.

Despite the National Agency for Disaster Management’s report that the volcano is no longer dangerous, experts have kept the alert at level 4, the highest rank.

National

Nissan recalls large number of vehicles

UNITED STATES – Nissan North America is recalling 604,500 vehicles due to issues in the steering columns and battery cables, according to CNN on Nov. 11.

About 515,000 of the Frontier, Sentra and Xterra SUVs involved are from the U.S.

The problematic SUVs were made sometime between 2002 and 2004. The Sentras involved were made anywhere from May, 15, 2010 to July 8, 2010.

Nissan will notify customers when replacement parts are available in early December.

Local

Ballots have been counted for 2010 elections

ILLINOIS – It was a close race between Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn and competitor Republican Bill Brady for the Illinois Governor position. Quinn defeated Brady by a mere 19,413 votes, according to MSNBC.

In the battle for the District 11 House seat, former Air Force pilot Adam Kinzinger won over incumbent Debbie Halvorson, according to politicsdaily.com.

Mark Kirk claimed the Senate seat with 48.2 percent of the vote.

Football team will miss Coach Lee

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Head Coach Don Lee’s resignation came as a surprise to his football players and the ONU athletic department.

“I was shocked,” red-shirt junior Tyreze Taylor said. “I didn’t want him to go. He’s changed my life more than anyone [at Olivet].”

Others were surprised because Lee never gave any hints that his time at ONU was coming to an end.

“His whole philosophy was building toward the future,” junior Michael Bishop said. “I was very surprised.”

Lee submitted his resignation Tuesday morning, due to personal and family reasons. He does plan to coach the last game of the season, though, on Nov. 13 at Malone University in Ohio.

His resignation is effective Nov. 17.

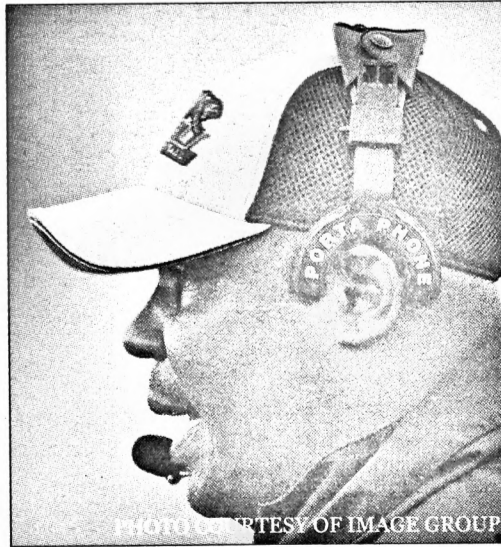
“The time has come for me to step down,” Lee told the Kankakee Daily Journal. “I still love Olivet and what it stands for. But I’ve been through a lot this year, and I think I am going to take some time for myself. I didn’t want to cheat Olivet.”

According to several players, Lee called a team meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9, to tell them that he was leaving and had resigned as of 7:30 that morning. Players said he told them he had resigned before the season was over in order to give the athletic department more time to find a coach. He encouraged the team to keep working hard.

The search for a new coach will begin next week, Athletic Director Gary Newsome said.

Players said they had mixed feelings about starting next season with a new coach. Sophomore Sean Curbow, however, was optimistic.

“I know some [players] feel like chickens with their heads cut off,” Curbow said. “But I think we’re more than capable to come together and pick up the ball and run with it.”



After two years as head coach of the football team, Don Lee has chosen to leave Olivet and take some time for himself.

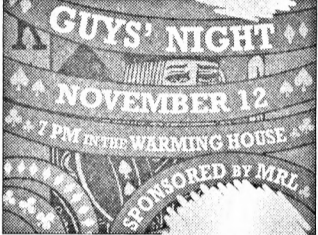


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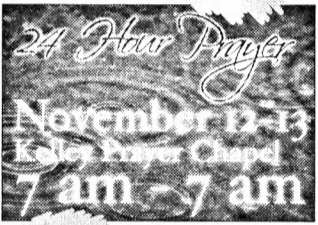
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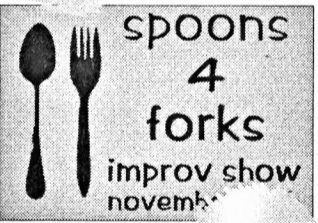
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Is dancing in Olivet's future?

Proposal goes to A-Team to hold campus-wide dance

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If approved by the administration, Olivet may be hosting its first campus-wide dance in the near future.

Student Body President Evan Karg submitted a letter to Dr. Woody Webb, VP for Student Development, in April.

In the letter, Karg requested permission for the Associated Student Council "to sponsor, host and facilitate a campus dance."

The type of dance Karg proposed is line dancing. All songs played at the dance would be pre-approved and would fall into the genre of country music as well as select urban/R&B songs which have been designated for line dancing. An instructor would be brought in to lead the students as they dance to each song.

"This is something that people want... Olivet students want to dance," Karg said.

After reading through the letter, Webb brought it to the attention of University President Dr. John Bowling. They then brought the proposal to the Board of Trustees, which met at the end of October.

Due to time constraints, board members were unable to give much feedback to Karg's proposal. They will, however, discuss

the subject when they meet again in May.

Although the Board of Trustees will give their input, the Administrative Team ultimately decides whether or not the dance will be held. Karg hopes that, if the A-Team approves, the first campus-wide dance will be held during the 2011-2012 academic year.

"My ultimate purpose is to benefit the student body even after I'm gone," Karg said of his proposal.

Dancing is a subject of much controversy within the Church of the Nazarene.

Article 34.4 of the Nazarene Manual prohibits "all forms of dancing that detract from spiritual growth and break down proper moral inhibitions and reserve."

Bowling said that, historically, the Church of the Nazarene has banned dancing for two reasons:

The venues where dancing often takes place typically promote the consumption of alcohol (i.e. bars, clubs, etc.).

Dancing today tends to break down "appropriate social or sexual distance between people."

Despite the church's position, Olivet does allow dancing at certain events put on by Social Life, such as Ollies Follies and Mr. ONU.

Webb said that choreographed

dancing is allowed at these events because the moves and the music are approved beforehand.

"It goes through a process of scrutiny and supervision," he said. "Often what we see onstage [during the performance] is not necessarily the first proposal."

Although Olivet has never hosted a dance on campus before, a few other Nazarene schools are trying it.

MidAmerica Nazarene University is hosting a dance for the second year in a row, and Northwest Nazarene University is planning on holding a themed dance this year, Webb said.

But the question of whether or not to approve a dance is not necessarily black and white.

"Some issues are very clear moral issues," Bowling said. "Dancing is not one of those."

Bowling said he does not believe that dancing is a sin; rather, it is an activity that needs to be handled with responsibility.

He is open to the opinions of students, the administration and members of the church regarding this decision.

"I don't know where we'll come out [in the decision]," he said. "I think the process will be good regardless of where we come out, because we need to be talking about those issues."

Campus mourns graduate student

Nathan Beard, 30, was found dead in the bathroom of his home in Bourbonnais on Monday, Nov. 1, according to the Kankakee Daily Journal. He was an ONU graduate and the son of Bourbonnais police Chief Joe Beard.

Beard graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and Northern Illinois University. He would have graduated from ONU in December of this year, according to Woody Webb, VP for Student Development. He was studying business administration.

Beard died of natural causes. "No foul play is suspected," Bourbonnais police Lt. Greg Kunce told the Journal.

Rev. Joan Dean, Chaplain for the Graduate School, officiated the funeral service and burial at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais on Friday, Nov. 5.

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Sodexo employee Jim Lipofski (left) signs in as he delivers food to the Gift of God Street Church. Pastor Ed Kannapel (right) is in charge of the ministry.

Simply-to-Go becomes a simple donation

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Sodexo General Manager Ed Daugherty and the Sodexo staff from Olivet have been donating between 50 and 80 Simply-to-Go meals per day to the Gift of God Street Church in Kankakee since mid-September.

Gift of God is a homeless shelter for men as well as a soup kitchen for anyone in need of a hot meal. The church hosts Bible studies and regular services as well.

"Everyone should have a place

they can call home," according to the website, <http://giftofgod.ws/>.

The men's ministry also looks for people on the streets and gives them socks and food coupons, according to Spiritual Life Advisor Jennifer McClellan.

"They are known as the 'Last Door,'" McClellan said. They will take care of people that no one else can. They have helped people that were turned away from prisons and hospitals.

On Nov. 21, Sodexo will also provide a full Thanksgiving spread for 50-75 men with the help of the Tiger football team.

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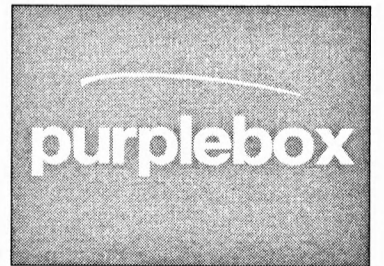


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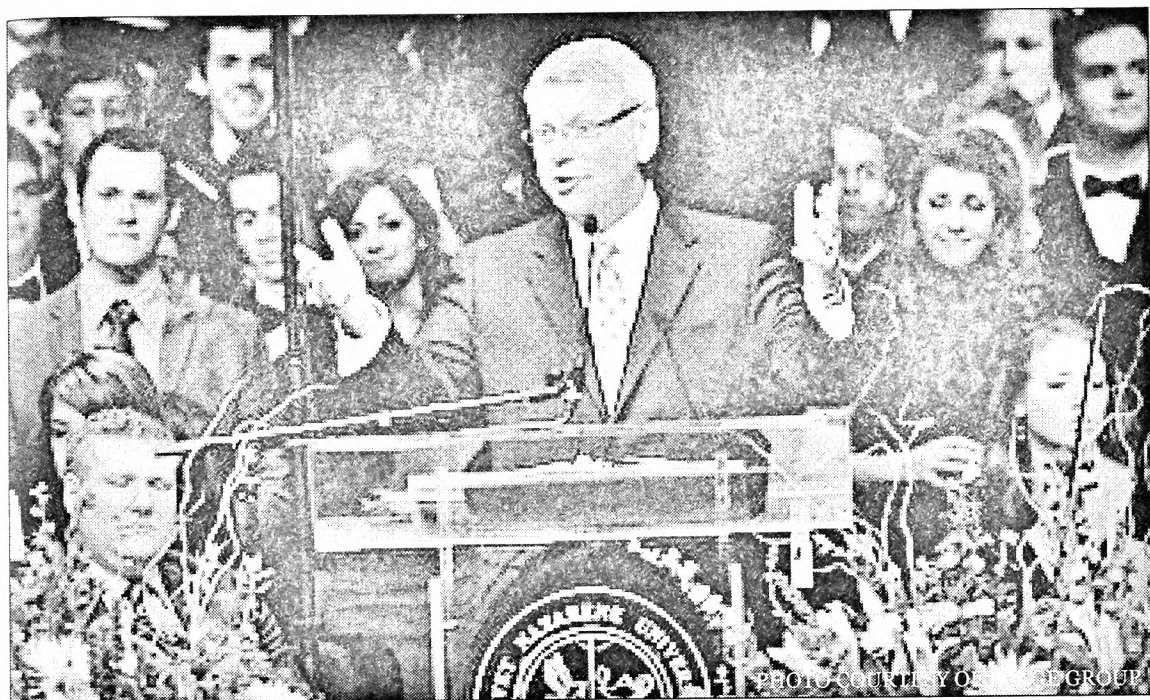
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Dr. John Bowling addresses students, staff and alumni at the Homecoming chapel.

Bowling signs for five more years

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Dr. John C. Bowling has signed an extension in his position as university president.

Because the position runs on a five-year cycle, the Board of Trustees may choose to extend the president's term for up to five years at a time.

In a meeting last week, board members voted to renew Bowling's contract for the full amount. The decision was unanimous, with 54 votes for and zero against.

"I squeaked by," Bowling joked afterward.

He will be celebrating his 20th year as university president during the spring semester. Despite

his many years serving the campus, Bowling did not expect to end up at ONU.

"It was a wonderful surprise," he said.

After completing a bachelor's and a master's degree at Olivet, Bowling went on to earn two doctorates — one in education and one in ministry. He taught at the college level, including some classes at Olivet, and was the senior pastor at College Church of the Nazarene before accepting the position as university president.

Bowling and his wife Jill are well respected in the community.

In fact, the Board of Trustees voted to rename the campus admissions building the "Jill and John Bowling Admissions Center," in honor of the couple's

many years of service at Olivet.

"Hundreds of families pass through [the admissions center] every year. How appropriate that the names of our esteemed president and his wife will be there to greet them," board chairman Ted Lee said, according to olivet.edu.

The Bowlings were personally involved in the planning of the admissions center. Jill actually designed the building herself. After the couple had visited a number of other college campuses and didn't find what they were looking for, she sketched her own vision of a structure that would welcome new students to Olivet for years to come.

The admissions center will officially be renamed at the spring Commencement ceremony.

Sophomore charged with giving false police report

'I just want to say I'm sorry,' student says

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An Olivet student is scheduled to appear in the Kankakee County Courthouse on Dec. 9 on a charge of disorderly conduct for filing a false police report. She claimed to have been abducted and sexually assaulted on Oct. 31.

The alleged incident sparked unease among Olivet students, particularly among females who live on Grand Avenue.

According to the initial incident report, sophomore Amanda Eskew, 19, told police she had been crossing the Ward Field parking lot at around 3 p.m. when a man confronted her and forced her into a car. The man allegedly held her down and began kissing her face and neck.

Eskew claimed that the man then drove several hours away to a house where he held her down

on a couch and continued to kiss her. According to the report she claims he then drove her back to a residential area closer to campus and let her out of the car at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Bourbonnais police Lt. Greg Kunce said, "[Eskew] came in to the police department [on Nov. 3] to give a statement... While she was providing that statement, she was questioned a little bit further, and it was revealed that what she was reporting... had not actually happened at all."

Eskew was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for filing a false police report, Kunce said. After posting \$100 bond, she was released from custody late Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, reports of the alleged incident alarmed Olivet students, especially after a recent occurrence of indecent exposure on campus as well as the abduction

and alleged murder of a student from Northern Illinois University. Some students were upset when Eskew was charged with giving a false police report.

"I was a little flustered that someone would make up a story like that," McGuire said. "My hometown is near NIU... so the report of an abduction here kind of hit home."

Senior Lauren Hamlet, who was date raped when she was 19, initially empathized with Eskew.

"At first I felt sorry for her and was praying for her, feeling some kind of a connection and having an idea what she would have gone through," Hamlet said. "To anyone that has ever [experienced sexual assault] before, [allegedly lying about it] was really belittling."

In an e-mail response to the panic on campus, Eskew said, "I just want to say I'm sorry."

Spring services to be held in new chapel

Beginning next semester, all Olivet students will gather for chapel on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the new Centennial Chapel.

With the addition of this facility, all students, faculty and staff will be able to worship together as a university, said Woody Webb, VP for Student Development.

The pipe organ will also be incorporated into worship time in the new chapel. Jonathan Burkey will continue to lead music.

Chapel speakers for the spring semester have already been confirmed. Dr. John Bowling, university president, will deliver the first sermon.

Other speakers include ONU alumnus Ben Zobrist, who now plays right field for the Tampa Bay Rays major league baseball team.

The Centennial Chapel contains 3,100 seats, but only about 2,650 of those seats will be used for chapel to accommodate 2,400 students and 250 faculty members.

Students will still be given assigned seats on chapel days, and chapel checkers will take attendance. Students will sit on the main floor of the building, as the balcony will not be used for seating during regular chapels.

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Sandwiches are worth the long walk to McHie

Several times a week, I hear students complaining about how there are not enough healthy items to eat in Sodexo. Either the salad bar and stir-fry becomes mundane or there is just not enough whole-grain and nutrient-dense options to choose from in the cafeteria. In any case, the trend today seems to be that students are striving to make healthy choices.

The new and improved Tiger Den on campus definitely has stepped up its game from last year's cold to-go meals to help students make those healthy choices. This school year, Tiger Den has transformed from the loner, "in the middle of nowhere" to-go meal restaurant to a trendy, health-conscious, Subway wannabe food location.

Last year students seemed to always be complaining about Tiger Den location. Maybe it was because it is a whole 300 feet from inner campus, and the food just was not worth the extremely long

walk. However, with the new and majorly improved restaurant, students can rest assured that the long hike out to Tiger Den will be well worth it.

With several different healthy options including both whole wheat and white subs, wraps, fruit cups, yogurt parfaits and baked chips, students can't go wrong when looking for a healthy meal at Tiger Den. Like the famous Subway restaurant, students can choose to get their sub (as well as their wraps) toasted, and there are several different options of vegetables to top it off.

I recommend the 6-inch cold-cut combo (turkey and ham) with pepper jack cheese, toasted, loaded with the works, a plethora of olives, and topped off with jalapeños and honey mustard.

I'll usually add a bag of chips to my meal and get a cup of water. Because of the jalapeños on my sub, I typically need the water to cool down my throat. One must note, however, that the downside to needing a cup of water in Tiger Den is that one must always be prepared with an extra 15 cents. You heard me right ladies and gentlemen- a cup of water here is not free and it will cost you a whole 15 cents.

Fifteen cents may not seem like a lot to you at the moment, but let's say you hypothetically become the new Subway Jared of Tiger Den and eat there five days a week, thirty weeks out of the year, for four years at

Olivet. Maybe you will shed a few pounds but in the end you will have spent about \$90 on water.

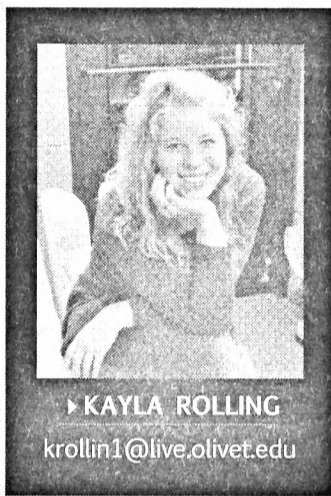
Besides spending money on water, the only other downside I noted about Tiger Den thus far is the Buffalo Chicken sub. I enjoyed it and I've heard several great comments on it; however, I made three mistakes when ordering this sub. The first mistake was not getting enough ranch on it. The second was adding jalapeños. The third was being too stubborn and not paying for the cup of water. Don't get me wrong- the first couple bites had a great taste. Just wait a few seconds, though, and the aftertaste will then proceed to bite you back... hard.

If you aren't really in the mood for a sandwich, the Tiger Den also has other options such as soup, salads, yogurt parfaits and fruit cups. I especially enjoy the yogurt parfait cup which contains creamy vanilla yogurt, sweet dried cranberries, white chocolate chips and honey nut cheerios to top it off.

For dessert, you can add a fresh baked cookie to your meal. A meal in Tiger Den ranges anywhere from \$2 for side items to \$5 - \$6 for a value meal. As most of you already know, Tiger Den takes Flex Dollars and Tiger Dollars.

If you are wondering about the atmosphere in Tiger Den, the renovation over the summer has definitely given it a more modern feel. There are plenty of tables including high top tables for a more stylish way to eat. Sports memorabilia cover the walls in support of our very own Olivet Nazarene Tiger athletics. One thing that Tiger Den did not adapt from Subway is the obnoxiously strong smell that Subway always has. Yes, Subway's fresh bread does smell good, but not when the smell seeps into your hair, skin and clothes.

Most times when I have gone to Tiger Den, the restaurant has been fairly quiet. This may be because many students take their meals to-go or that Tiger Den does not receive as much business as Nesbitt and Ludwig. Either way, Tiger Den is a nice place to study and eat without too much distraction. The food is healthy and delicious, the staff is friendly and helpful, and honestly it's really not that far out of the way. I highly recommend this new eatery on campus, and it is definitely worth the 10 minute walk for a new healthy meal choice. Bon Appétit!



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Something To Chew On

Wisner overflows during Fall Debate

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Capitol Hill Gang's Fall Debate was centered on religious freedom. This is a topic which effects everyone no matter political or religious affiliation. The debate's massive turnout had audience members wishing they had come earlier to get a seat in Wisner Auditorium.

The auditorium was at standing room only on Nov. 8 as students were even sitting on the floor. The debate consisted of five questions with a response from the conservative and liberal sides to educate the audience on both sides of the issue of religious freedom.

Religious freedom has been a hot topic recently in the Supreme Court concerning Westboro Baptist Church and a proposal of a Muslim community center and mosque near Ground Zero in New York City. The point of the debate was not to argue for or against these topics but to understand the importance of upholding religious freedom in both cases.

To start the night off, sophomore Matt Van Dyke commented for the conservatives in the room on a situation similar to the Muslim community center. This particular instance concerned permitting a Serbian Orthodox church to be built near the killing site of Srebrenica where 8,000 Muslim men and boys were killed. Van Dyke brought up this story to show how the construction of a Muslim community center would be a slap in the American face and an insult to every man, woman, and child who died on 9/11. Van Dyke's goal was to point out that the issue is not one of religious freedom, but one of respect toward the deceased. I personally do not see eye-to-eye with the Muslim community center either.

At the opposing liberal end of the table, Ryan Hayes was smart in first discussing the media's influence. Hayes was persistent in noting the individual rights each citizen has under the 1st Amend-



PHOTO BY RAVEN SOUTHARD

Professors David Claborn and Howard Van Dyke get animated during the 2010 annual Fall Debate.

ment. He also mentioned that the Constitution cannot be bent or altered because of emotions. Both ends of the spectrum had well-established responses leaving the audience to discover where their belief lies.

The debate was a success. Capitol Hill Gang's goal was not to decide a winning team, but merely to inform the student body on the important issues arising in politics. They understand that not everyone is interested in politics, but we all have a civic duty to be somewhat politically active. I do not know all the names of those in the upper-echelon of government, but I am interested in the government's actions because it affects my life and the future generations to come.

In the debate, the term "slippery slope" was mentioned towards

religious freedom and majority versus minority. As Christians we might not care now, but as professor Dr. Brian Woodworth reiterated from his research, Christianity is not the leading or the fastest growing religion in America. The category of "none/other" is. Christianity could one day be the minority and it is important that the minority's rights are represented along with the majority. Wondering if Christianity is a minority or majority also effects the last question of the debate: Is America a "Christian nation?" That's something to think about.

All in all, the debate was a success. The auditorium was packed. The topic was interesting. It was a team effort by many to put this debate into action.

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What is your favorite place to eat?

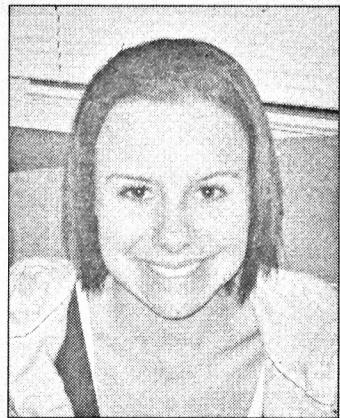
Olivet has plenty of places to eat on campus, such as the Tiger Den, Nesbitt Hall, and Ludwig Cafeteria or Red Room. These locations do offer variety, but what can students do when the ordinary becomes mundane? Luverta Reames talked to several students to find out what their favorite restaurants to eat at around campus are.



Ashley Thompson, junior
The Great Wall. I like that it's a Chinese buffet and you can get a variety of Chinese.



Aaron Golden, senior
Monical's. I think they have a sweet lunch buffet and they have my favorite pizza.



Destiny Zorman, junior
Lonestar. The bread is really good and it's the only place to get a great steak.

'Red is out, purple is in'

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Redbox might be an easier and cheaper option for renting movies, but who has the time and energy to drive the whole four minutes to the nearest Redbox location? Now there is an alternative on Olivet's campus for students looking for the ultimate facilitator of cheap and easy movie rentals.

Junior Mark Restaino created Purplebox, Olivet's spawn of Netflix and Redbox, to give students an easy way to make money.

Purplebox is operated entirely through Facebook. Any student who "likes" the page can create his or her own photo album of movies they offer, but they must have a minimum of 20 selections.

Junior Michael Alexander pointed out that students are always borrowing movies from each other, so why not make some money in the process.

"I attempt to rent them out just to make a couple extra bucks. It's also nice to somewhat offset the cost of buying movies."

Customers can message the owner with the movie title of their choosing and their preferred delivery method. They have to pay only \$1 to have the movie for three nights.

There are several delivery options available. Customers can meet at predetermined locations on campus, request campus mail delivery, or simply stop by the owner's room.

Restaino says he has been questioned about the legality of making a profit from movie rentals. According to the Entertainment Merchant Association, it is allowed as long as the DVD is the original copy.

As far as legality on Olivet's terms, Restaino has not checked to make sure he is not breaking any rules regarding business practices.

While he has only rented out about 10 movies, Restaino is taking steps to attract more customers. He has placed fliers around campus, posted a commercial on the Facebook page and recently added mail delivery.

Sophomore Kaylee LaPenas saw one of his fliers in Ludwig and figured students would like to share the movies she owns.

"I like it because there are so many students on campus that have movies and others who want to see certain movies they do not own," LaPenas said. "It is a good way to share within our community."

Restaino completely trusts students not to keep his movies for themselves. He says Olivet has a small enough campus that he would easily be able to track down hoarders.

Students can go to facebook.com/purplebox.onu to browse through the selection of movies to rent or post their own.

The future of Purplebox hinges on student involvement. Restaino says more students need to post their movies, because LaPenas, Alexander and Restaino are currently the only participants on the Facebook page.

"Red is out, purple is in," Restaino said.



Sophomore Shawnn Cooper (second from left) was part of the bicycle charity group, Unbroken Spokes. His goal was to pay for half of three students' trips to the Nazarene Youth Conference in Louisville, Ky.

Bicyclists raise money for youth

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Over the course of four days, two states, and 285 miles, nine Nazarenes pedaled their bikes up to the KFC YUM! Center in Louisville, Ky., to raise money for students attending the Nazarene Youth Conference, NYC, held there next summer.

Sophomore Shawnn Cooper was one of the nine people who biked from Olivet to Louisville in order to.

Cooper participated in the ride to help his youth group at Wildwood Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee.

"Our youth group had never gone to the conference," he said. "I wanted to break that statistic."

Cooper rode with several youth pastors and youth leaders on the Chicago Central District, in an event called Unbroken Spokes.

The group biked 6 to 8 hours a day in order to allow students to attend the conference, which Joe Lee, youth pastor of Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene,

calls a "life-changing" event for all of them.

"I have heard many stories of people who have been changed because they felt the presence and have heard the voice of God at NYC," Lee said. "I figured that if I could help make it possible for my students to go, then I should ride."

The inspiration for the ride came when Lee tweeted Tim Britton, youth pastor of Chicago First Church, with the idea of walking to Louisville in order to raise money.

"I texted back that it was a terrible idea," Britton said. "It would be easier and faster to ride our bikes."

The participants trained for the ride separately. Britton rode 600 miles in order to prepare for the strenuous trip.

Regardless of training, however, the ride was still difficult.

"There were times going uphill with the wind against us," Cooper said. "You just had to pedal through."

When the group finally made it to Louisville, they were greeted by a red carpet rolled out for an event occurring at the

KFC YUM! convention center.

"It was pretty indescribable... The feeling of riding over the bridge with the KFC YUM! Center in sight was pretty much euphoric," Britton said. "It was almost as if the red carpet was there for us. That was pretty cool."

Cooper was glad, not only to finish the ride, but to have another story to share.

"I get to say I've done a 285-mile bike trip," Cooper said. "Those are cool things to talk about."

Cooper does not know how much money he raised because students are still collecting, but he has a goal in mind.

"For my church I wanted to be able to pay halfway for at least three students," Cooper said.

Not only did Cooper strive to help the students in his youth group, but he also learned more about God.

"I think I saw God the most when the times of hard trial came," Cooper said. "There were definitely times when I just wanted to give up ... but in those times I would just pray and ask for the strength to keep kicking and I never got off the bike."

Give all fears and insecurities to God

He wants to help carry our burdens and take the fear away

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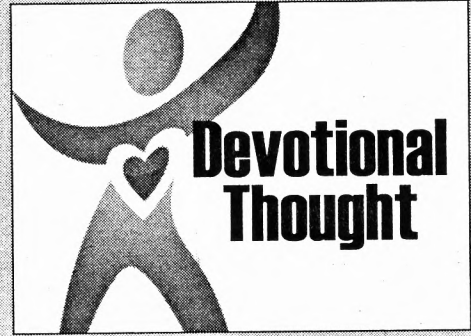
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Two weeks ago I woke up in a state of panic. The images of the dream I just had kept flashing through my mind and my heart was racing. I was in such a state of fear that I could not sleep.

I turned on the TV, got on the computer, read a book, but nothing could ease my anxiety. It was not until I stopped what I was doing and prayed that I finally felt at peace enough to go back to sleep.

We do this so often. It could be anything like a bad dream, your career choice, what people see you as or even the types of grades you are getting.

We all have fears that haunt us and the devil uses those fears to lead us down the road of insecurity. We feel this anxiety and pressure and unfortunately we try to



fix it by ourselves.

The future is the biggest fear for the majority of college students. After we graduate are we going to find a job right a way? Are we going to find somebody to share our life with?

The world has put pressure on us to succeed and if we give into that idea the pressure can be intensely overwhelming.

I find comfort in the verses of Psalms 73:

23-26. "Yet I still belong to you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny. Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains my strength of my heart; He is mine forever." (NLT)

It wasn't until I had stopped all that I was doing and sought God's counsel that I was able to sleep. We try to hide our insecurities with different worldly things when all we need to do is lay them down at His feet.

God wants to help carry our burdens. He wants to take the fear away and He wants to love you. He is not too busy that we have to work for his attention to keep Him interested. He already is attentive.

Do not be hesitant to give God your fears. Take His hand and discover where He leads.

A Melting Pot

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The number of students enrolled at Olivet Nazarene University has increased steadily over the past 10 years, but indications are that the university is no longer among the top college choices for members of the Nazarene faith.

The number of Nazarene undergraduate students has dropped by approximately 40 percent since 2001. At the same time, the number of non-Nazarene students has increased by almost 50 percent, according to enrollment data for fall 2010.

In fact, ONU hosts students from a myriad of denominations, both Christian and non-Christian. But all students, faculty and staff — whether Apostolic, Baptist, Catholic, Mormon, Muslim, Jew or without preference, are bound to the Nazarene traditions and rules — on and off campus.

Although there is no rule stating that students must be Christians to enroll at ONU, every residential student has to sign a Campus Community Covenant, according to Associate Registrar Tony Grimm. Some of the terms of the covenant include “modest dress” and mandatory chapel attendance. It is all part of ONU’s mission: “Education with a Christian purpose.”

Many factors contribute to the decrease in Nazarenes numbers, Registrar Dr. Jim

Knight said. These include the current economic situation and competition from other religious schools like Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, and Indiana Wesleyan in Marion.

Knight said the decrease in Nazarene numbers in ONU’s graduate program (only 7 percent of students are Nazarene) might further be due to the fact that many of the strict rules do not apply to them. Graduate students do not have to attend chapel or take part in many of the other activities that are required of undergraduate students, which makes the program more appealing to even non-religious students, he said.

According to Grimm, graduate students form a different market. “The focus [of the graduate program] is more on adults with jobs who don’t have a lot of time.” However, the students do participate in class devotions.

Many ONU students were surprised by the variety of denominations on campus, as well as the fact that the number of Nazarenes is dwindling. Junior Elijah Smurthwaite gave what he calls “an easy explanation”: the need for change. “Maybe it’s because they’ve lived by those rules their whole life and now they want a change,” he said.

Rachel Hoover, who graduated from Olivet in May, met the denominational crossroads when she was a sophomore. Coming

from a Nazarene family, she was always exposed to the rules and regulations of the church and decided that a better fit for her beliefs and lifestyle would be to become non-denominational.

Many students argue that there is much more to Olivet than the Nazarene values and morals the rules and classes are based on. Olivet is about Christianity in general.

“I think that it’s ok for a person to come here even if they are not a Nazarene,” senior Mirko Percusic said. “Denominations are just labels.”

Besides, Olivet changes people. Percusic, who comes from Campina Grande in Brazil, was agnostic when he first arrived at ONU. Two years later he is involved in the Best Buddy program, and frequently attends Sunday services at College Church’s North Campus.

Percusic is not the only student to experience transformation after enrolling at Olivet. Senior Alicia Cullen came to ONU a Catholic, but through the years realized she does not believe in God. Nonetheless, Cullen remains a Tiger. After all, religion was not the only reason why she feels ONU is a great fit for her.

“Originally I came to Olivet because of the tennis team,” Cullen explained. “After I realized that I was an atheist I decided to stay here because of the Chris-

tian morals and values that are so obvious on campus.”

Expanding one’s worldview with Christian principles and ideas is but one of many reasons why students choose Christian higher education institutions, according to the National Association of Christian College Admissions Professionals. Other attractive aspects include challenging academics, smaller class sizes, a sense of community, growth in all aspects of life, and competitive financial aid packages.

According to Marc Mountain, executive assistant to Dr. John Bowling, president of ONU, Nazarene students remain the key component of the student body. “We want to recruit Nazarene students. The [enrollment] numbers may be deceiving, [but] nearly half of our undergrad students are Nazarene.”

The University will always be viewed as a Nazarene congregation, Grimm said, because the Nazarene Church is its largest financial supporter.

The key to recruiting the right kind of student, however, is to hold true to the school’s mission, Mountain said.

“If we hold true to our mission we are going to get the right students. They may not be Nazarene or the right denomination, but we are going to get the right students who believe in the values of the church.”

* Not all denominations are represented

DENOMINATION 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010

Apostolic	13	17	23	21	19	20	20	16	16	17
Assembly of God	29	31	25	31	48	63	65	61	66	70
AME	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	4	5	6
Baptist	247	256	348	354	340	348	323	320	325	319
Bible	46	48	47	53	56	53	75	84	111	136
Brethren in Christ	6	11	15	12	15	14	13	8	3	3
Catholic	452	569	656	653	605	573	581	612	662	677
Episcopal	11	12	7	9	7	8	9	9	9	6
Independent/Non-Denom	126	155	218	231	245	280	350	341	377	409
Jewish	1	3	5	5	1	0	1	2	0	1
Lutheran	163	195	221	203	194	205	211	232	241	214
Mormon	7	2	2	2	3	5	4	2	2	6
Muslim	4	2	2	1	3	3	3	2	1	2
Nazarene	1121	1197	1222	1220	1229	1225	1226	1143	1148	1107
Protestant	0	0	0	0	18	21	24	26	22	23
Reformed	39	39	40	49	53	70	64	81	83	85
Salvation Army	78	79	85	71	65	92	92	98	77	73
Seventh Day Adventist	4	4	2	1	3	2	3	5	7	7
No Preference or other	508	628	716	684	772	712	739	738	711	636
TOTAL	3361	3873	4319	4373	4485	4495	4652	4539	4682	4612

Ever been asked, "what denomination are you?" Chances are, if you asked a student on ONU's campus, they would answer "Nazarene." Lately, however, there has been a change in the trend of denomination association. The Nazarene population is decreasing and the other minority denominations are increasing.

Let the
numbers
tell the
story

	Naz	Non-Naz	Total	% Naz
2001	1028	766	1794	57.3
2002	1099	854	1953	56.3
2003	1131	948	2079	54.4
2004	1136	1115	2251	50.5
2005	1137	1265	2402	47.3
2006	1120	1367	2487	45.0
2007	1112	1508	2620	42.4
2008	1024	1458	2482	41.3
2009	999	1637	2636	37.9
2010	967	1713	2680	36.1

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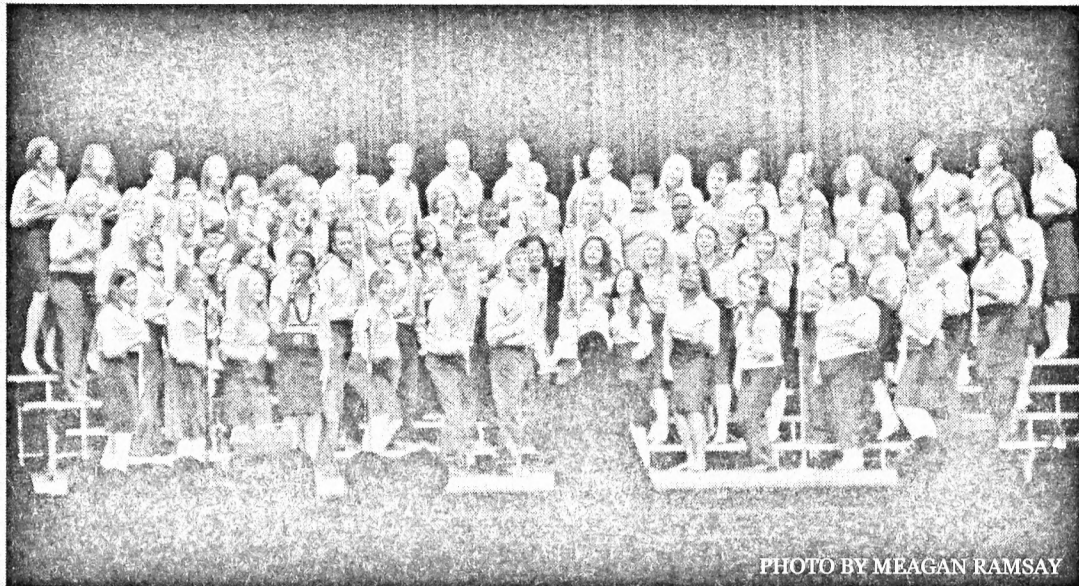


PHOTO BY MEAGAN RAMSAY

“Project Proclaim” was held Nov. 6 at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene. President Christopher Tolbert said, “As President of Proclamation Gospel Choir, I really hoped that this service would flow as a worship service.”

Proclamation Gospel Choir delivers ‘Project Proclaim’

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Proclamation Gospel Choir’s annual fall concert, “Project Proclaim,” was a spirited showcase of gospel music and worship. It was held Nov. 6 at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Gospel Choir President Christopher Tolbert said the concert is generally a showcase of different gospel music, but this year’s goal was more meaningful.

“As President of Proclamation Gospel Choir, I really hoped that this service would flow as a worship service. That was our intention,” Tolbert said.

The event featured performances by Proclamation Gospel Choir, All Things New and Lloyd Colar. In addition, two senior choir members, Caitlin Dodge and Lindsey Pals, gave their testimonies with their main focus that God should be praised in every circumstance.

Colar is from Family Harvest Church in Tinley Park, Ill. He dedicated the performance to his friend Philip Reed, who was killed by a drunk driver three weeks ago. Reed had been deeply involved in Colar’s music.

“We were pleased with his ability to share the gospel through song and word. All who were there felt the presence of God as he ministered,” said Jasper Taylor, director of Gospel Choir.

Taylor was delighted with the turnout of students, staff, faculty, family and friends.

“Their presence always makes our event extra special,” he said.

The strong turnout is just one indicator of Proclamation Gospel Choir’s growing popularity. Taylor said this year marks one of the larger groups in its history with 85 members.

Dodge said that while events such as “Project Proclaim” are enjoyable, the members know that their purpose is to praise God.

“We have a good time while we’re doing it, but the concert is not something just for show.”



PHOTO BY LUVERTA REAMES

Recess was held at Riverside Health & Fitness Center. While the event drew a smaller crowd, popular activities were still enjoyed by students. Sophomores Ashlan Allison (above) participated in Zumba.

Recess draws smaller numbers than usual

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The semi-annual Recess held at Riverside Health & Fitness Center drew a significantly smaller crowd Nov. 5 than previous years.

Students come together at the event each semester to relax, de-stress and hang out with each other. The structured activities include racquetball, zumba, swimming and spinning.

One major change that could have contributed to the low turnout was the absence of rock climbing.

According to a Riverside staff member, rock climbing was not offered because the facility’s wall was not up to code and they did not have any licensed employees.

Senior Jacob Barse expressed his opinion about the lack of rock-climbing.

“I think that’s fine because they could get in big trouble if they try to handle it. Rock climbing was my first choice but my alternative was zumba,” he said.

Kyle Lowry, Associated Stu-

dent Council Vice President for Social Life, believes that maybe the decreased attendance was because the Candy Costume Fest was the weekend before Recess.

“We usually have about 300 people and I’m assuming there wasn’t much advertising and we didn’t get the posters up as soon,” Lowry said.

Because rock climbing was not offered, most people chose racquetball, zumba or spinning.

Senior Farris Pierson loves to play racquetball and enjoys the fast paced activity.

“It’s the fastest racquet sport ever,” he said.

Junior Tabitha Eckert chose to do cycling and felt that it was a difficult experience. She also enjoys Zumba.

“I feel like if I wanted to burn more calories, [cycling] is the way to do it,” she said. “Zumba has variety plus it makes you want to dance.”

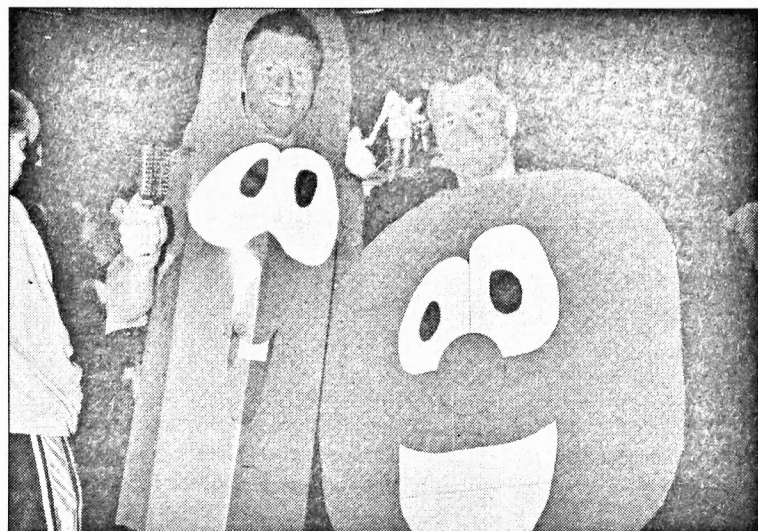
Although attendance was low and rock climbing was not offered, many people praised the Social Life Council for putting together this event.



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Social Life committee hosts costume party

The annual Candy Costume Fest was held Halloween evening in Chalfant Hall. The costume contest consisted of five categories: individuals, couples, and small, medium and large groups. Winners of the large group category (above) dressed as Wheel of Fortune characters, while winners of the couples category (right) dressed as Veggie Tales characters Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber. The evening had an unprecedented amount of costume contest entries.



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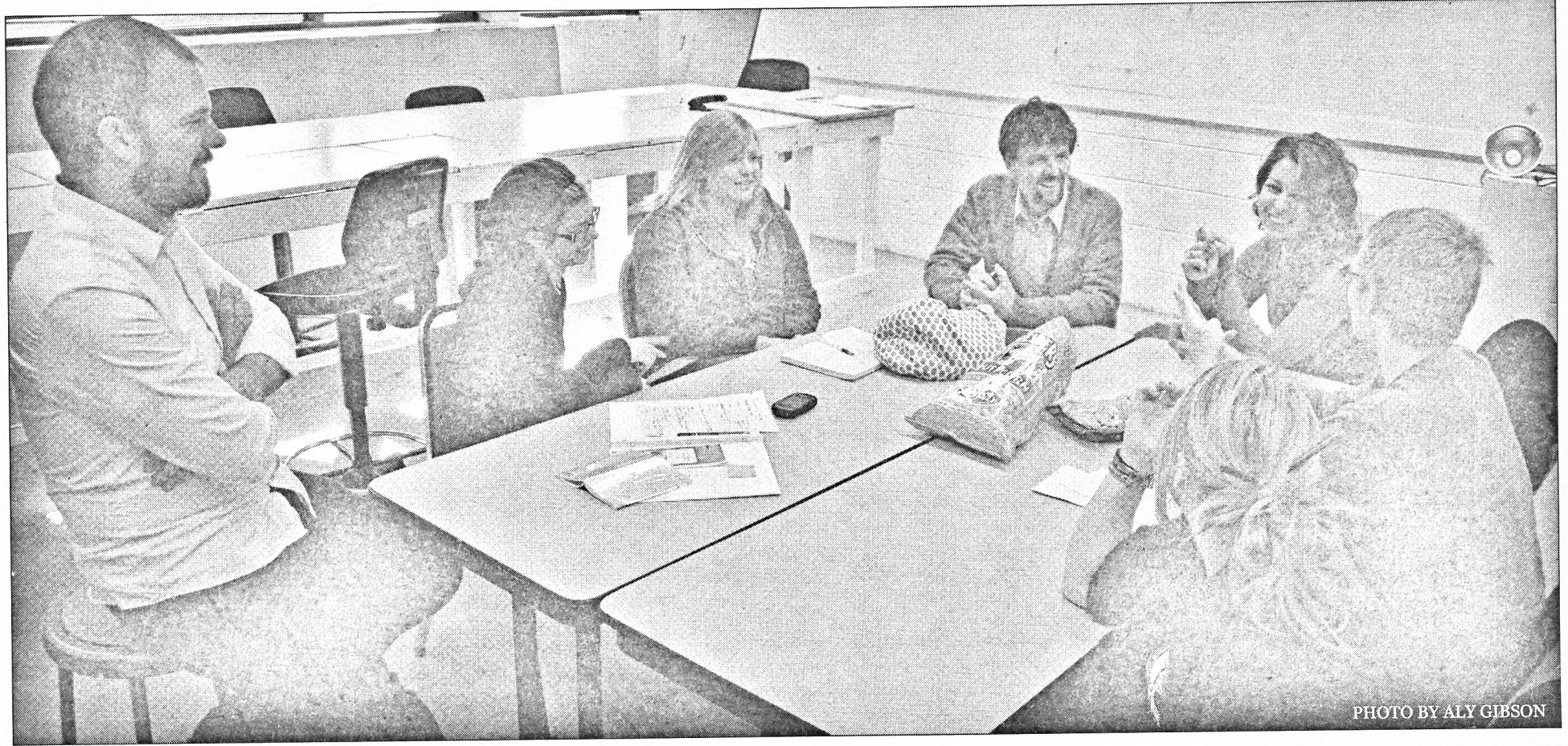


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From left: Professor Scott Dombrowski, Desiree Horvat, Hannah Cruse, Professor Gary Thomas, Stephanie Williams, Matt Reynolds, and Rachel Rhule share a laugh as they discuss ideas for artwork that could be displayed around campus.

ICONS art society emerges from Larsen basement

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Inspirational Creative Olivet Nazarene Students: ICONS.

Icons are, by definition, pictures or symbols analogous to the thing they represent. This is also the title of a new group set on creating an identity for art students at ONU.

According to junior Desiree Horvat, ICONS was created due to a need for active art activities on campus to help students build a meaningful résumé and portfolio. Horvat said she hoped that someone would start something.

"Then I realized I can do it. So why not?" she said.

Horvat spoke with Dr. William Greiner, Art Chair, about the idea at the end of last year and since then the whole department has been on board.

At the moment, ICONS is still waiting for official club status. But one of the first projects the group is preparing for is its own gallery.

"The role of the art club and gallery is to show that we exist. It will be like our 'coming out,'" Horvat said.

The gallery will be called "We Exist" and will be open to anyone looking to display their work. It

started on Nov. 9 and will continue on throughout the Nov. 22 in Strickler Planetarium.

"It will be a chance for people to get to know and join ICONS," she said. "It will actually be a contest as well. People will be able to vote for their favorite art piece as they visit the gallery and the winner will have a prize. Eventually the goal is to have the artwork displayed on campus."

Greiner is currently negotiating on behalf of ICONS with Riverside Hospital to create a mural on the stairwell.

"It will be somewhat like what we have in Ludwig [Dining Hall], a nostalgic document of the hospital. It will be memorable for the hospital and its residents," Horvat said.

Other projects in the pipeline are also creating perspective art pieces on the sidewalks on campus, painting the benches, and creating a huge mural for display in Ludwig Center.

"I want to add character to the campus with our art. Staying in the basement where art students usually hang out doesn't create that opportunity," Horvat said.

ICONS meet on Fridays at 1p.m. in the basement of Larsen. Freshmen who want to participate need to get permission from Greiner.

Junior Desiree Horvat demonstrates an idea for an art project that her and other members of the ICONS hope to accomplish.

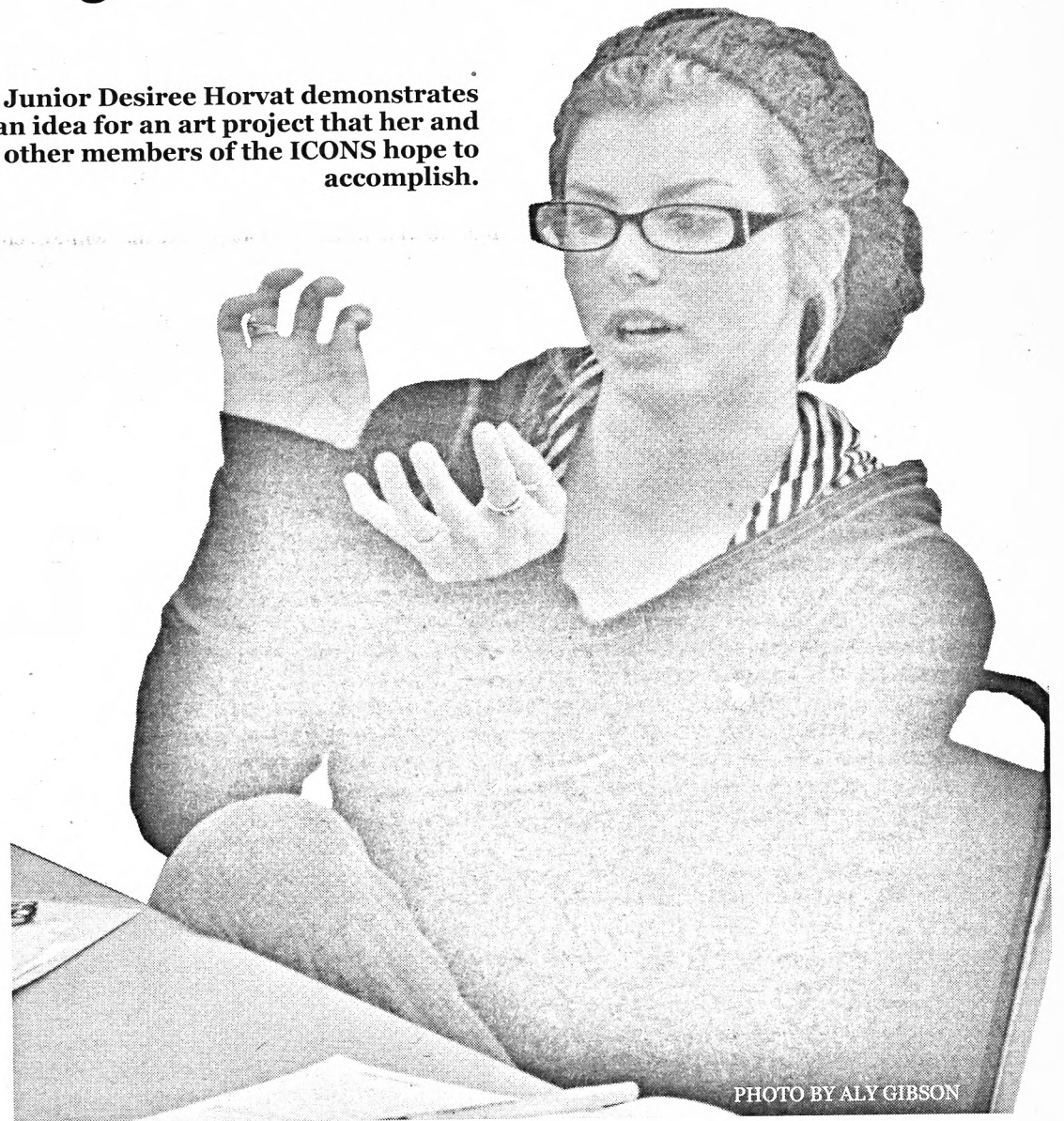


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Brothers travel from Florida to perform in Bourbonnais

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Twin brothers Trey and Ty Turner traveled from Florida to Bourbonnais in order to be the next featured artists in the Collision Radio Concert Series at Higher Grounds this semester.

Junior Nick Bays opened for The Icarus Account, the Turner brothers' band, the night of Nov. 1. More than 50 people came out that night to hear the

live music and add to the growing support of the burgeoning music scene, something Collision Radio is trying to jump start with students at ONU.

Sophomore Kyle Henning, manager of Collision Radio Promotions, organized the show and added it to the series, making it the second show in less than a month. Since he knew the band beforehand, booking the show was the easy part.

"[The Icarus Account] really

wanted to reach out to the students and community and help grow our music scene," Henning said. "I helped promote a show of theirs last year after finding them on MySpace and we wanted to book a show in the Chicago area for quite some time."

Since the band was looking for a venue to play at, the timing worked out for them to perform at Higher Grounds. It also gave them the chance to become a part of the concert series that Henning

has been working to put together. "This fit perfectly with the schedule," Henning said.

While this is only the second gig in the series, it was the first to feature student and musician Bays. He was approached by Henning, who knew of his musical skill and asked him to play.

"I knew Nick was one of the most talented musicians on campus and I asked him to open," Henning said.

As for the next show, Henning

is still working on the details. With options still open for the band, and for opening acts, Henning is hoping students will give suggestions for who they would like to see perform next at Higher Grounds. He hopes to have a band booked soon for another concert right before the Christmas break.

"It'll be a fun time with Christmas cookies and lighting the Higher Grounds Christmas tree," he said.

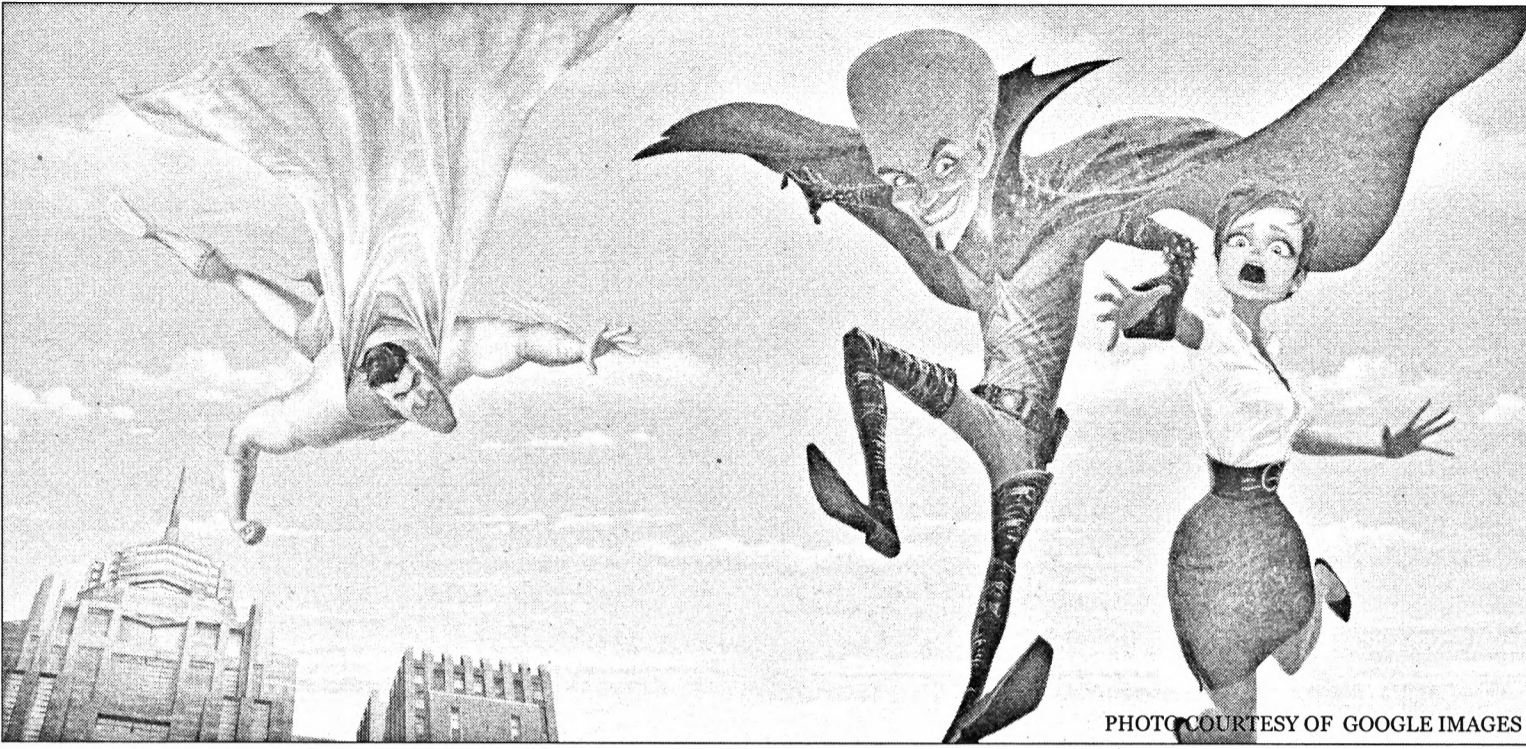


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The new film by DreamWorks Animation, "Megamind," hit theaters on Friday, Nov. 5. Taking a twist on the traditional superhero storyline, "Megamind" chronicles the woes of the title character, voiced by Will Ferrel, and what he must do to continue his work after accidentally killing his archnemesis, Metro Man.

'Megamind' falls short of expectations

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I don't really think "Megamind" warrants much in-depth consideration from a viewer's standpoint. At this point, I think you'll know whether or not you want to see celebrity-voiced cartoons make pop-culture references. Here are, simply presented, the thoughts that ran through my head as I watched this movie:

- No, I'm not seeing this in 3D. 3D is an artless cash grab, people.
- The sound in this theater is atrocious. Are all the speakers working? It's like people are yelling at me while I sit in a deprivation tank. Only there are loud, annoying children in the tank with me.
- Megamind (Will Ferrell) is an alien supervillain who accidentally succeeds in killing his arch-nemesis, Metro Man (Brad Pitt), who is popular for protecting the fictional Metro City. Faced with this unprecedented and unintentional victory, he finds himself at a loss for what to do with his life. He disguises himself to romance reporter Roxanne Richie (Tina Fey), whom he used to kidnap all the time in his battles with Metro Man. He also gives Roxanne's cameraman, Hal (Jonah Hill) powers, hoping to create a new superhero to fight.
- That's not a bad idea for a storyline, but nothing interesting is done with it to make it worthwhile. Like DreamWorks' over-rated "How to Train Your Dragon" from earlier this year, most of the plot consists of wheel-spinning,

Nothing actually happens for most of this movie besides providing younger audiences with animated entertainment.

- So yeah, Megamind equals Lex Luthor; Metro Man equals Superman; Roxanne equals Lois Lane, etc. The references don't end there: Megamind and Metro Man's origin story is a take-off of Superman's and at one point Megamind disguises himself as "Space Dad" who's an obvious parody of Marlon Brando's character from the Superman films.
- There are more subtle jokes, though, including a possible one to "Superman IV: The Quest for Peace," which made me chuckle, at least. But I don't think many people have seen that movie. And they shouldn't actually because it is terrible.
- Marlon Brando impressions. ACDC songs. These are bones

thrown to the children's parents so they don't feel bad for seeing a kids' movie. This, however, doesn't work on me because I'm not a parent. Obvious pop culture references are among the lowest forms of comedy, and I'm not sure there's much that can raise the spirits of a twenty-year-old going to a children's film alone.

- I'm kind of curious as to how this kind of humor will shape the minds of the younger generation watching these type of films. What will this make Marlon Brando mean for them? To most future film-goers, he won't be a legendary actor; he'll be some weird pastiche of jokes from movies like this for which they have only a half-baked frame of reference and fail to actually recognize his accomplishments.
- Besides pop culture references and lame slapstick, what passes

humor in this movie includes a running gag about Megamind's inability to pronounce certain words. It's really annoying, and of course plays a role in the story at a certain juncture that I called a mile off.

- One survival mechanism for getting through boring movies is interpreting them in ways unintended by the filmmakers. In this case, I'm reading a bizarre sub-text of abuse addiction out of Megamind's desperate attempts to create an enemy to fight. I think it's fun, at least.
- This movie isn't really terrible. It's just bland. Generic. Run-of-the-mill. Safe. Unremarkable. Inoffensive. Unmemorable. If there's a kid you may have to escort I guess they'll like it, but kids like anything. If you're the sort of person who likes anything, then I guess Megamind is for you.



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The film "Megamind" uses voices of actors such as Will Ferrel, Brad Pitt, Tina Fey, and Jonah Hill to bring the animated characters to life.

Chicagoland Art Events

Aftermath

- 1802 W. Berenice, Chicago
- Tickets: \$15-20
- Runs through Dec. 6

A dramatic musical set during the time period from 1966 to 1969 which documents the rock'n'roll lifestyle of Brian Jones, the founder of the Rolling Stones. The actors play live music that tells the rollercoaster life of a musical legend.

Circa Survive

- House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn, Chicago
- Tickets: \$16.50 in advance \$18 at the door.
- Nov. 19, doors open at 5 p.m.

The popular venue, House of Blues, will host the band Circa Survive with opening acts like Dredg, Codeseven, and Animals as Leaders.

Holiday Vendor Fair

- 8125 W. 171st Street, Tinley Park, IL
- Nov. 14, 12 p.m.
- Free admission

Get started early on the holiday shopping season with this large fair full of vendors showcasing great gift ideas and home decorations for sale. Admission is free and there will be holiday festivities as well.

Used Art Sale Benefit

- Just Goods Community Room
- 201 Seventh Street Rockford, IL
- Nov. 13, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

This sale includes art in all forms and mediums as well as art books. All the proceeds go to benefiting the Rockford Urban Ministries.

Veteran's Day Concert

- Centennial Chapel
- ONU Campus
- Nov. 13, 7 p.m.
- Tickets: \$5

America's beloved tenor, the singing policeman, Daniel Rodriguez will perform in the Centennial Chapel along with a full orchestra and world-class pianist, Ovid Young. After inspiring so many with his rendition of "God Bless America" after working as a police officer on Sept. 11, 2001, he became a singer and has been performing ever since.

Spaces Within

- Rockford Art Museum
- 711 N. Main St. Rockford, IL
- Nov. 14, 12-5 p.m.

The museum will be featuring this exhibit about interior designs. Intimate spaces that have been photographed will showcase angles, lines, and color.

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Athlete blocks, cheers and throws for purple and gold

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Most people know him as the male cheerleader with the big hair. What people may not realize, however, is that junior Michael Bishop is also an ONU football player and track team member.

Bishop, a three-sport athlete and Recreation and Leisure Studies major, is a local guy. He grew up in Bourbonnais and attended Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School.

Bishop started his athletic career in fourth grade with football.

"My older brother played and I was a bigger kid so I figured I'd sign up," he said.

He took a break from football last year, but Bishop did return to the field for the 2010 season and was able to resume his position in both the offensive line and special team formations. He is also a utility player, filling in where needed when players are injured. He has played every offensive-line position except center.

Though in high school Bishop played right tackle, he now plays left tackle for Olivet.

Bishop chose to play football at Olivet for a few reasons. Firstly, the school recruiters placed special attention to him in comparison to others. Also, Olivet's Christ-centered education was another big draw. The final rea-

son was because his father, Craig Bishop, is the Director of Public Safety so he does not have to pay tuition.

"Playing on Olivet sports teams is really nice; everyone gets respect and encouragement, even freshmen," Bishop said.

Bishop has knowledge of what it is like to be outside of the sidelines as well, though.

He is a part of the cheerleading squad at Olivet because he has wanted to be a cheerleader since he was a child. Now that he is back on the football team, however, he only cheers during basketball season.

"In first grade, I saw high school cheerleaders and I wanted to do it; unfortunately, BBCHS didn't have the option for males," he said. "Freshman year here, I was working out lifting weights, similar to how you lift girls up. I looked at the amount of weight, which was more than the average female cheerleader, and thought that I could toss a girl up in the air."

Bishop's extracurricular involvement has also trained him in the art of time management.

"I try to make it to the practices for each [activity], so it takes a lot of careful planning," he said.

Bishop is managing to fit everything in though. He hopes to continue with all three sports and see where the Lord takes him.

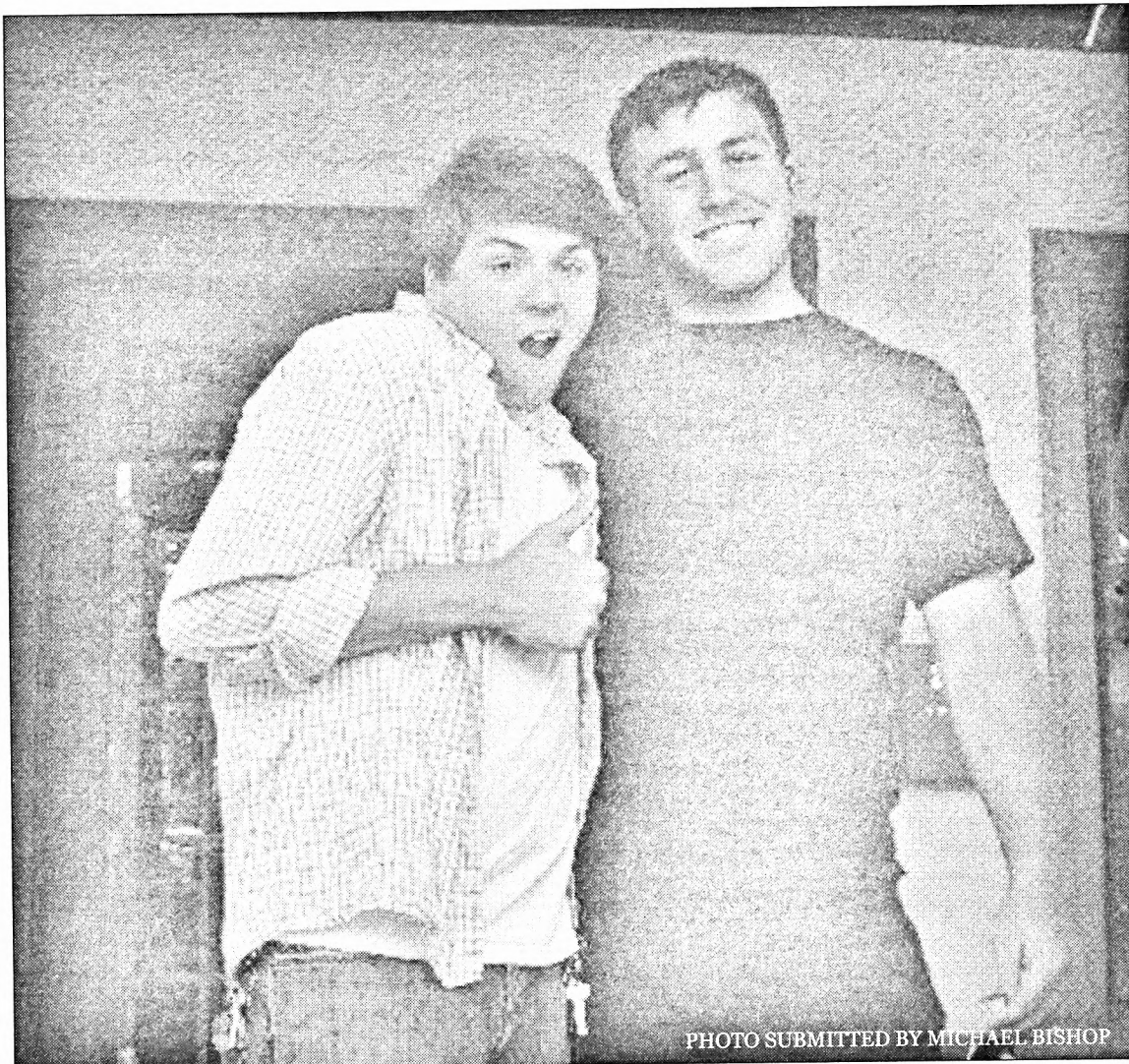


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Junior Michael Bishop (right) returns to the football team after a year's absence. Fans and friends like junior Kyle Lowry (left) can still see him with the cheerleading squad during basketball season.

Students dig 4-on-4 volleyball games

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If it is a Tuesday or Thursday night, freshman Tyler Mingus can probably be found participating in intramural volleyball in Birchard Gymnasium. As a player in one of the competitive leagues, his thought process is clear.

"I don't like losing," he said.

This year the intramural staff started a 4-on-4 volleyball league in comparison to the normal 6-on-6 league in the spring. So far, the program has outstanding participation.

"There's been a really good response to it," said senior Adam Hines, one of the supervisors of the program.

From Monday to Thursday, a total of 126 girls and 116 boys participate in four leagues - two competitive and two recreational.

"It's really well set up. People play their games when they're supposed to, and the refs are knowledgeable," freshman Mickey Piotrowski said.

The satisfaction rate of players seems particularly high.

"I like how it's separated into competitive and non-competitive leagues," said freshman Andy Reid.

There are a total of four separate leagues in the program, two competitive and two recreational.

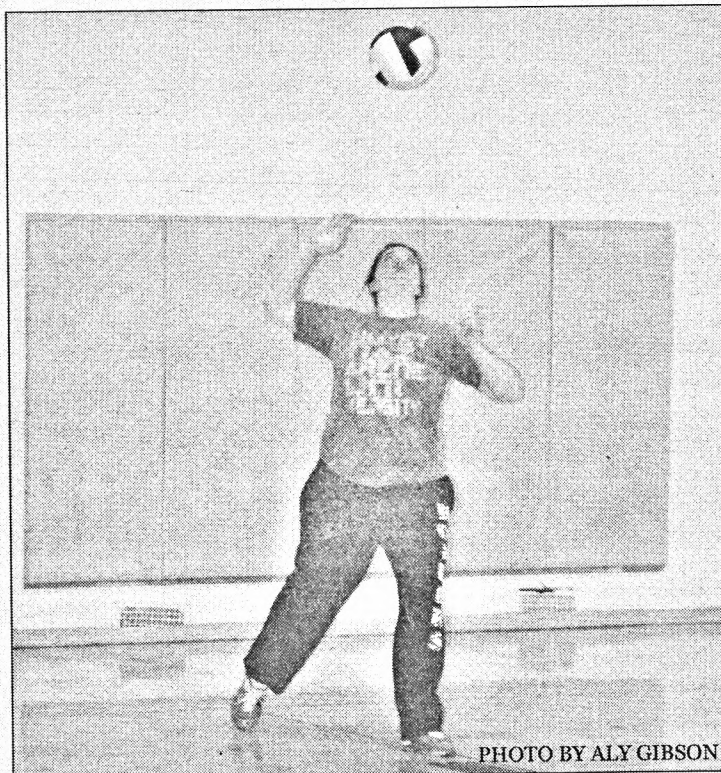


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Students like freshman Daley Schimmelpfennig compete with three teammates in indoor volleyball intramurals.

Junior Sara Bodner, shares her sentiment.

"I like that it's open for everyone, no matter how bad they are at [volleyball]."

The setup of the league is not ideal for everyone, however. Piotrowski, who plays flag football as well, is just one student who has voiced frustration with conflicting schedules. Some players think a solution to this problem

could be obtained if the captains made the game schedules since they know their teams' availability.

Despite these problems, people seem to be happy they have the opportunity to play volleyball with their friends. They can be as competitive as they were in high school, or they can just have fun. Either way, the program is working.

Squad pumps up fans with homemade cheers

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Cheerful in spite of any grim situation, loyal to the end and always in play even when they are on the sidelines, cheerleaders are the driving force behind the morale of any sports team. ONU's squad is no exception.

The men and women on the cheerleading squad agree that cheerleading takes hard work and dedication from the entire team. A major portion of their time together is coming up with new cheers.

Senior Kellie McClymonds said the cheerleaders' "homework" is to come up with new cheers and brainstorm the choreography for them. Though the final decision is up to the captain, the choreography is a collaborative effort. Everyone contributes in any way possible.

Creativity plays an important role, but practice plays a greater one. This is where effort and perseverance come in.

"Their cheers are a combination of Olivet tradition mixed with fresh and new choreography. Putting together a routine takes a lot of work," sophomore McKenzie Redwine said. "First, you have to learn the stunts, throwing the girls in the air, then you have to learn the jumps and tumbling to 8-counts which is the hardest and longest process, and lastly

add the music and polishing everything up."

There are many other benefits to be had besides learning the meaning of hard work, though.

"You get to hang out with a bunch of really cool girls. It's just a lot of fun," said junior Michael Alexander.

Redwine added some positive aspects of cheerleading as well.

"You always have people who know what you're going through, who are praying for and with you, and you learn communication and teamwork skills," Redwine said.

Sophomore Alyssa Wilkins believes she has made many lifelong friends from being part of the team.

Cheerleading seems to be an underappreciated sport according to Alexander.

"I think it is probably more work than most people think," he said.

Redwine agreed.

"Cheerleaders get a lack of respect sometimes ... We are starting to compete and I hope that people will start to see us as athletes and begin to support us just as much as we support the other sports and our school."

The squad knows they can always count on each other.

"Cheerleading at ONU is pretty much amazing. We are surrounded by girls and boys who love Christ; it is almost always a positive environment to be a part of," sophomore Gina Scott said.

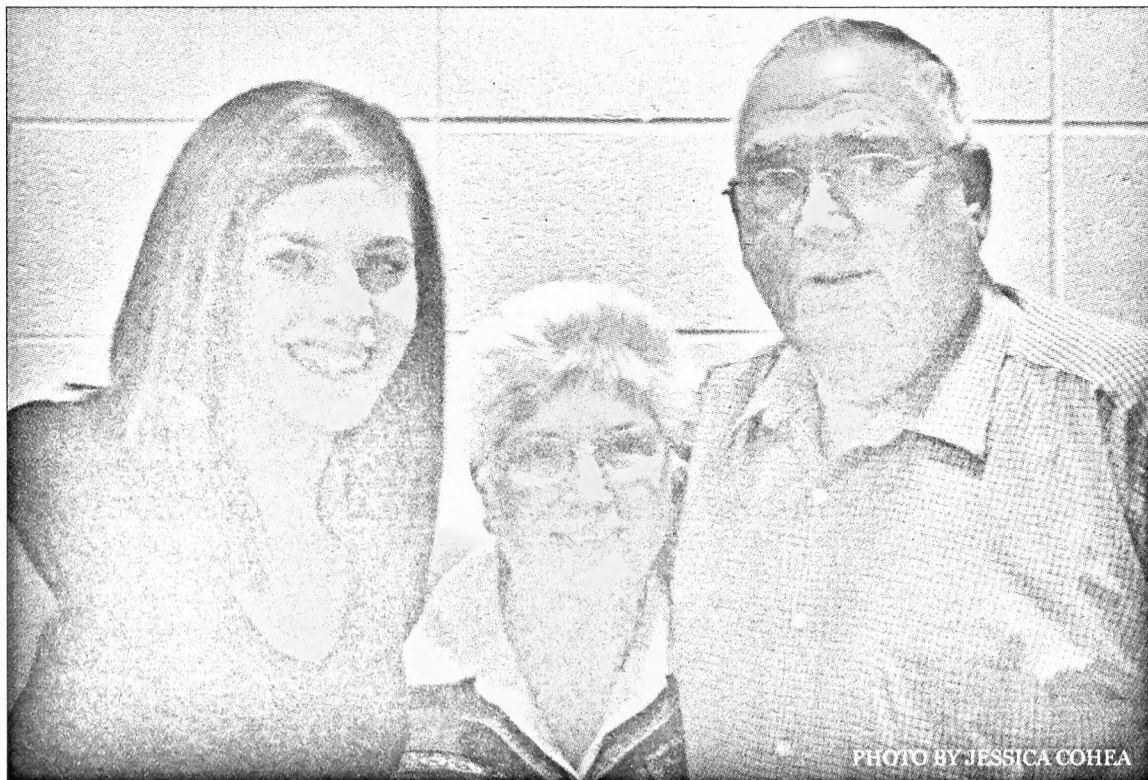


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Carol and Don Koehn of Peotone, Ill. are faithful followers of ONU athletics, the women's basketball team in particular. The players, like sophomore Rachel Kearney (left), lovingly call the couple their "TigerBall grandparents."

Peotone couple becomes 'TigerBall grandparents'

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In total, Carol and Don's family contains three children, five biological grandchildren, and all of the women's basketball team.

Carol and Don Koehn, affectionately known as the TigerBall grandparents, have been attending the women's basketball games since 1984. TigerBall is the nickname of the women's basketball team and playing style.

That year, the Koehn's came to Olivet to see a men's basketball game, but the men were out of town. The women however, were playing at home.

"There was hardly anyone at the game so we stayed to help support them," Carol said. "We introduced ourselves to the coach and players, and here we are, still watching and supporting them."

Although neither of the Koehns attended college, they both wish they could have come to Olivet.

Olivet is not a large part of the Koehn's past, but they still drive 20 minutes from Peotone to show school spirit and passion for the University.

"We wear gold and purple ONU sweatshirts," Carol said. "We

cheer loudly. Everyone knows where we sit, and the girls always look for us."

Basketball is not the sole source of their support though.

"I follow all ONU sports as much as I can," Don said. "We have traveled many places with all sports."

Originally, the Koehns only attended home games, but in 2001 they traveled to Hawaii with the men's basketball team. The couple has also visited New Orleans and San Diego for the basketball teams. They revisited Hawaii in 2006 for the teams and they will go again this December.

They went to Florida to watch the softball team and Wisconsin for the track team.

They also watch home baseball and volleyball games. They began watching the soccer teams last year and hope to begin attending tennis matches next year.

The Koehns involvement with Olivet began when they met Dick and Alie McHie, who introduced them to ONU through the sports program.

One of the Koehn's daughters, Kary Blaschak, attended Olivet. Their grandson, Joshua Parker, is currently a freshman here.

"Olivet is a great Christian University," Don said. "They stand by their values. ONU has a great president and staff who show concern, love, and interest in students."

The love and attention the Koehns give to the sports teams, especially the women's basketball team, has not gone unnoticed.

"They have a great relationship with the team," said Simone Coburn, junior basketball player. "It's an unconditional love they have for us as if we were their own granddaughters."

The coaching staff has also recognized the Koehn's contributions appreciates them.

"Don and Carol are like family to us," said Lauren Stamatis, assistant women's basketball coach. "We are so thankful for everything that they have done and continue to do in supporting us."

Not only do the Koehns support the team as a whole, they also support the players.

"I love having them around because Don and Carol can provide a laugh for anyone," Lexi Heinold, junior basketball player, said. "They always ask how I am doing and genuinely care about my answer."

Ozone success is 'pretty awesome'

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The Ozone is paying off, not only in increasing attendance at sporting events but getting students to cheer loud and proud. To encourage students to get even more involved as basketball gets under way, Women's Sports Director and assistant softball coach Amanda Jensen has a few more tricks up her sleeve.

"Students really do play a huge part in winning," Jensen said. "The more fun the fans have, the more exciting the game is."

Jensen's new idea is to give out tally points based on the scores at the end of games. More points means more tally cards are filled out, which qualifies students for gift cards and other prizes.

"You could end up walking away with a ton of money," Jensen said.

Jensen created Ozone as a way to get students to attend and participate at ONU athletic events. To become a member of the Ozone, students just needed to buy an Ozone t-shirt and they were eligible for discounts and prizes.

If students did not buy a t-shirt, they can still get "tally points" by going to games and qualify for prizes, though. Tally points are given out as stamps on tally cards for attending home sporting events.

Most of the 700 Ozone shirts that Jensen ordered have been sold, however.

"We have around 80 shirts left," she said. "If we sell out and kids want more, we'll get them."

Jensen has been at ONU since 1999 when she came as a freshman. She said she is seeing the excitement for athletic teams build more than ever.

"They're starting to do the wave at soccer games," Jensen said. "I've never seen that."

Senior men's soccer player Joel Kline said he has definitely noticed an increase in attendance in soccer games this year.

"I think it's something that the school needed," Kline said of Ozone. "It's a good first step

in growing a fan base."

Many coaches and players have been giving Jensen feedback on how much they value the program too.

"For the last regular season volleyball match at St. Francis, we did a fan bus for the first time," Jensen said. "Around 30 students came, and [head volleyball coach Brenda Williams] and players told me that they really appreciated it. I even got emails from parents. The students turned it into a home environment for our team."

Olivet students said they were excited about what Ozone was doing for both them individually and the athletics programs as well.

"It's pretty awesome actually," freshman Jake Ryan said. He added that Ozone gets him to go to more sporting events and restaurants because of the discounts.

"I think it's a good way to get the campus involved with the sports teams and motivate people to support them," said senior women's basketball player Lisa Beyer. "And it's always a good incentive to get something free for going to a game too."

Jensen said that she's also heard feedback from outside of the campus.

"People in the community have approached me in stores and talked to me about what's going on," Jensen said. "There's a sense of excitement in the community because they're making the same observations at sporting events we are. They like getting tied into ONU athletics."

The community businesses that are involved with Ozone have told Jensen that they appreciate the initiative as well and that they are seeing students take advantage of the opportunities Ozone is providing. Jensen said she was planning to have a formal sit-down at the end of the semester with the area businesses that are participating to see how things are going.

Jensen said that if anyone would still like to purchase an Ozone T-shirt they can contact her at ajensen@olivet.edu. Shirts are \$10.

Last game will be a battle for football team pride

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As the football season comes to an end, Olivet's team has found itself "playing for pride," as head coach Don Lee said. There is only one game left and the Tigers have yet to win a game.

One of the main problems of this season as suggested by Lee was that there were many freshmen with lacking college level experience.

According to Lee this season was a learning process and the main goal for next season is for

the players to get stronger in the weight room. This means off-season training, a new experience for many freshmen.

Some strong players Lee noted were freshmen wide receiver Josh Long, junior wide receiver Josh Howells, junior linebacker and team leader in tackles Joe Carter, freshmen defensive back and No. 6 in conference Demetrius Brown, junior linebacker and returning captain Nathan Schott, junior wide receiver Aaron Link, junior defensive lineman Tyreze Taylor, and freshman quarterback Christian Dobbs.

This is Lee's second year as head coach and the leadership among staff was very strong, according to Lee. The offense and defense coaches have learned good strategies for working with players and collaborating as a team.

"There was a lot of young talent on the team this year," Lee said, "but we also have a lot to grow on. The goal is to grow leadership, character and integrity in the following season."

The Tigers will face Malone University on Nov. 13 to end their 2010 season.

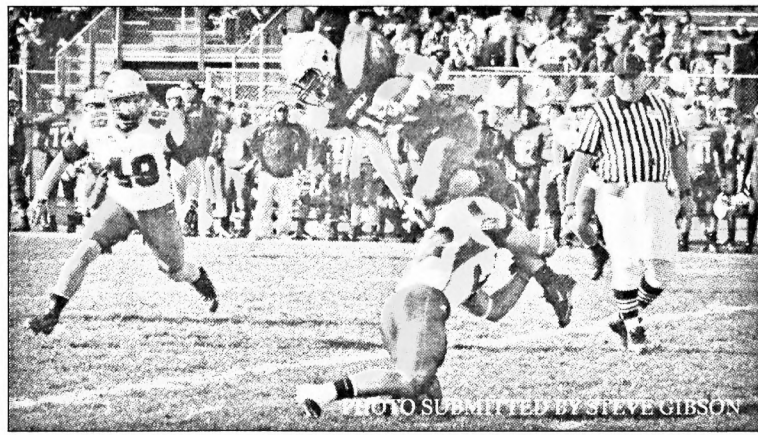


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Josh Howells charges down the field during a game against University of St. Francis on Oct. 30.